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SUBJ: MEDICAL TREATMENT: MAJ GEN OKAI, CHIEF GHANA DEFENSE STAFF

REF: A-9211 DECEMBER 17, 1974

1. I URGE THAT THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE THAT MEDICAL TREATMENT AT WALTER REED HOSPITAL BE PROVIDED TO MAJOR GENERAL LAWRENCE, A. OKAI, CHIEF OF THE DEFENSE STAFF AND COMMISSIONER OF SPECIAL DUTIES, GOVERNMENT OF GHANA.

2. GEN OKAI WAS OPERATED ON AT WALTER REED FOR ULCERS IN 1971 WHEN HE WAS GHANAIAAN MILITARY ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON. HENCE, I AM SUGGESTING A SPECIFIC HOSPITAL RATHER THAN THE NON-SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION REQUESTED IN REFERENCE.

3. OKAI PLANS TO BE IN WASHINGTON DURING WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22.

4. AT SAME TIME I ALSO RECOMMEND THAT TREATMENT BE PROVIDED TO MRS. MARGARET OKAI WHO HAS RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS. SHE ALSO WAS TREATED AT WALTER REED DURING HER HUSBAND'S INCUMBENCY IN WASHINGTON.

5. OKAI IS HIGHLY VALUED CONTACT OF THE EMBASSY AS WELL AS OCCUPYING GOVERNMENT OF GHANA POSITION OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. BELIEVE AF/W BEST POINT FOR AMPLIFICATION OF THIS.

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6. UNDERSTAND ALSO THAT PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES

TOOK PLACE BETWEEN DATT AND DIA.

7. REQUEST APPROVAL AND INDICATION WHAT MEDICAL INFORMATION
WILL BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF GEN AND MRS OKAI.
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